

Outlook

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University Seeks Partnerships with Area Japanese Businesses

The university's international initiative broke new ground March 11 when Japanese business executives from the Maryland/Washington, D.C. area came to campus to engage in a serious dialogue over joint research and linkages to Japanese firms.

A special orientation tour introduced the business leaders to the university's outstanding research programs in areas such as public policy; Japanese studies; science and engineering, including robotics, software development and superconductivity; and economics and business.

Following the tour, the guests attended a reception at the Rosborough Inn hosted by several of the university deans.

The day's activities, organized and sponsored by The Japan Council, marked the first step in initiating the University of Maryland at College Park—Japan Business Partnership.

Why the Japanese? "It's simple," says

Ron Morse who formulated the initiative. "Because Japanese businesses are global leaders, they have a major presence in the area and they understand the quality of our programs and the contributions that the university makes."

Morse is director of International Affairs in the Office of Institutional Advancement.

This is a natural development considering the university's existing connections to Tokyo, he adds. We have an alumni club there, several colleges have sent delegations to Japan, and university scholars are well known in Tokyo.

Additionally, Japanese foundations have funded the Prange East Asia collection in McKeldin Library and the Mid-Atlantic Region Japan in the Schools (MARJIS) program in the College of Education.

Fran Burwell, executive director of the Center for International and

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Ford Foundation Awards Grant to Afro-American Studies Program

The Ford Foundation has awarded a \$250,000 grant to the university's Afro-American Studies Program to promote research on issues of race, class and gender in the lives of black working women.

"Despite the centrality of women's work in African-American communities, it remains a largely untapped area of sustained academic inquiry," says Sharon Harley, Afro-American Studies program director and one of the principal investigators.

The three-year grant will fund a faculty research seminar that provides the time and space for participants to reflect upon, debate and write about black women's work as represented in art, family and public policy.

"The University of Maryland at College Park has an unparalleled collection of nationally known scholars in the field of black women's studies and its Afro-American Studies program is considered one of the top departments in the country," says Bonnie Dill, professor of women's studies and sociology.

Dill coordinates the project. English professor Mary Helen Washington is the other principal investigator. Aside from Afro-American Studies, the all-female group is comprised of mainly black scholars in the fields of anthropology, art, English, economics, family studies, history, law, psychology, sociology and women's studies.

According to project leaders, the grant was designed to promote collaborative work among seminar participants, who represent some of the best researchers in the Washington, D.C./Baltimore area. The group includes women from American University, George Mason University, Howard University, Coppin State College, Morgan State University, the German Historical Institute and the Smithsonian Institution.

"We intend to publish an anthology of the most far-reaching scholarship produced by the seminar participants and other invited scholars dealing with representations and meanings of black women's work," says Harley. Future plans also include a national conference, additional publications and classes.

"We have chosen to be deliberately self-conscious and aware of our own personal relationship to work as a way of taking our work seriously and as a way of seeing it as part of what makes our lives rich and creative," Washington adds.

—COREY DAVIS

1996 Women of Color Winners Honored

In recognition of their outstanding contributions to the minority community, Suzanne Randolph and Andrea-Maria O'Neill were named as the 1996 Women of Color by the President's Commission on Women's Affairs.

Randolph, associate professor of family studies, and O'Neill, account clerk IV in dining services, were honored at the fifth annual Women of Color award ceremony in St. Mary's Hall on March 7.

"Listening to Our Voices and Growing Stronger" was the theme for the day's events which included a sampling of multi-ethnic cuisine and a sharing of multi-cultural experiences by faculty, staff and students who evoked memories of ancestors, recited poetry and displayed photographs and other artifacts related to their heritage.

The keynote address was given by Carmen Roman, instructor of Spanish and Portuguese and a commissioner with the Governor's Commission on Hispanic Affairs.

Margaret Bridwell, director of University Health Services and past chair of the President's Commission on Women's Issues, presented the awards.

Randolph was recognized for her exemplary teaching, research and service. She is known as a leader, a mentor to students of color and a colleague whose achievements have enhanced the valuing of cultural diversity on this campus and advanced the welfare of people of color throughout the nation.

Much of her course content explores cultural heritage, ethnic diversity and gender issues. Her research deals with developmental outcomes for Black

infants and children, and evaluation of preventative health strategies for high-risk families. She seeks to enhance minority human resource development, empower African-American parents and provide scholarships to minority students.

Randolph is past president of the Association of Black Psychologists, she chairs the Committee on Racial and Ethnic Issues for the Society for Research in Child Development and has been an active member of the American Psychological Association, the National Council on Family Relations and the National Black Child Development Institute.

O'Neill was honored for her extensive service activities. Throughout her 32 years with Dining Services, she has dedicated herself to improving the lives of those around her, both at home and in the workplace. She even translated into Spanish the state's food service sanitation examination on her own time.

Among her service activities, O'Neill provides personal assistance to persons living with AIDS, helps Hispanic applicants seeking employment with Dining Services, assists employees in understanding the complex state and university payroll procedures, and provides counseling and an "excellent listening ear" for those in need.

O'Neill also collects and donates money and/or food baskets for Dining Services employees or others on campus who need help at holidays.

Both women received roses, plaques and Women of Color t-shirts.



Andrea-Maria O'Neill, Dining Services



Suzanne Randolph, Family Studies

First PRD Review Cycle Coming to a Close: Evaluations Should be Underway

The period from Aug. 1, 1995 through March 15, 1996 marks the first review cycle of Performance Review and Development, the university's performance management system. Campus policies and procedures require that all classified staff, associate staff, academic administrators and officers be evaluated using the PRD process.

Expectation-setting meetings which were held between supervisors and employees during the fall were the initial step in the PRD process. The next step is to conduct the End-of-Cycle Performance Review based on those expectations.

Between March 15 and April 15, supervisors should be conducting performance evaluations using the PRD system. This stage of the process also marks the opportunity for employees to conduct a self-assessment which will be discussed during the performance review. The Personnel Services department will distribute details regarding this stage in the process to department directors and chairpersons.

Personnel Services recently wrapped up Phase II of PRD Training for supervisors: "How to Conduct the Midway Feedback Session and Final Performance Review." This half day of training used a skills-assessment inventory to give supervisors individual feedback about their strengths and provided specific content about how to conduct an effective appraisal.

The training was received very well. Of 850 supervisors who participated, 99.9 percent of the participants rated the training as "meets expectations" or better. Forty seven percent of those participants evaluated training as "exceeds expectations" or "outstanding."

One participant said the training "was the most helpful session I've ever attended here. The materials seemed

well-targeted to our population and needs—the workbook and presentation were excellent." Other participants commented that it gave them "more insight and techniques about evaluations" and "provides a fair framework for benchmarking."

Make-up training sessions will continue through March and April for those supervisors who may have missed this mandatory training. Any supervisors who need to attend Phase II training should call the Personnel Services department, Employee Relations and Training, at 405-0193 or 405-5651; or call Marvin Pyles, PRD coordinator, at 405-5686.

As supervisors conduct the End-of-Cycle Performance Review, they will be using the PRD form, or any other related document that was used to set expectations, as a guide in evaluating performance for the past review cycle. If your department is in need of additional PRD forms, please contact Personnel Services. PRD Forms are also available on disk in IBM or Macintosh formats.

Once the performance reviews are completed, supervisors and employees will be setting expectations for the next review cycle: March 15, 1996 through March 15, 1997. This pay-for-performance review cycle also coincides with the implementation of the non-exempt pay plan being implemented July 1. While departments are encouraged to conduct them separately, some supervisors may choose to combine the Final Performance Review with the Expectation-Setting Meeting.

In several weeks, Personnel Services will be sending out additional information and forms to assist supervisors with the next expectation-setting meeting. In the interim, should you need additional forms or other information, contact Personnel Services.

University Seeks Partnerships with Area Japanese Businesses

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Security Studies at Maryland (CISSM), and J. Marshall Unger, professor of Japanese, are co-chairs of The Japan Council, a group of approximately 50 faculty and staff involved in Japan-

ative councils of the Japanese Business Association of Maryland and the Japanese Commerce Association of DC, the university will recruit individual companies to become members of the partnership, and work with the Japan Council to foster closer ties between the university and the local Japanese business community.

Objectives in establishing the UMCP-Japan Business

Partnership include: giving Japanese executives and their companies a comprehensive view of the research and educational resources of the university; soliciting support for the Japan Council and related campus activities while expanding opportunities for faculty and students; and cultivating relationships in ways that may lead to more significant opportunities for the participating colleges.



Sumio Takeichi of Mitsubishi International Corporation, left, met Paul Mazzocchi, dean of Life Sciences, at the Japan Council's Rossborough Inn reception March 11.

related matters and projects. The Council encourages cooperation across campus on Japan-related matters and seeks to promote greater awareness of the university's resources in this area.

In the next several weeks, the Japan Council will work with the local business leaders to finalize plans for the UMCP-Japan Business Partnership. In consultation with the execu-



Shuya Shibasaki of Tokyo Electric, left, learned about the university from George Goldenbaum, professor and associate dean of Computer, Mathematical and Physical Sciences.

ities while expanding opportunities for faculty and students; and cultivating relationships in ways that may lead to more significant opportunities for the participating colleges.

1995-96 Distinguished Scholar-Teacher Lectures

Isaak Mayergoyz: "Mathematical Models of Hysteresis," Friday, March 29 from 4-5 p.m. in 2460 A.V. Williams Bldg. A reception will follow from 5-6 p.m. in 2328 A.V. Williams Bldg.

Ken Smith: "Creative Destruction: 10 Years of Research on Dynamic Strategy and Competition," Thursday, April 11 from 4-5 p.m. in the Tyser Auditorium of Van Munching Hall. A reception will follow from 5-6 p.m. in the atrium of Van Munching Hall.

Evelyn Torton Beck: "Wounds of Gender: Franz Kafka and Frida Kahlo," Thursday, April 18 from 4-5 p.m. in 2203 Art/Sociology. A reception will follow from 5-6 p.m. in the atrium of the Art/Sociology Building.

Jane Donawerth: "Claiming the Right to Speak: Rhetorical Theory by Women before 1900," Thursday, April 25 from 4-5 p.m. in 2203 Art/Sociology. A reception will follow from 5-6 p.m. in the atrium of the Art/Sociology Bldg.

Fatimah L.C. Jackson: "Are Humans and Plants in a Co-evolutionary Relationship?" Wednesday, May 1 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in 1400 Marie Mount Hall. A reception will follow from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in Marie Mount Hall.

March CUSS Words: A Report from the Council of University System Staff

The Council of University System Staff (CUSS) met this month in the new Albin Kuhn Library and Gallery at the University of Maryland at Baltimore County. UMBC president Freeman Hrabowski welcomed the group.

Members learned that CUSS's request for a staff adviser to the Board of Regents will be presented at the board's April meeting. Chairman Billingsley has requested the Board of Regent's by-laws committee draft the necessary language.

Because the University of Maryland System opted out of the state's early retirement plan, it will provide its own retirement plan next legislative session. The Chancellor will put together a task force, which will include a CUSS member, to address this issue in late spring.

Discussions on the domestic partner resolution were presented by CUSS

members Larry Lauer, who spoke against the issue, and Greig Stewart, who spoke in favor. CUSS will be asked to respond to the resolution in April or May and is seeking support and input from staff on deliberations and recommendations.

Alumnus CUSS member Jordan Thomas presented information about the bill on collective bargaining introduced by Gov. Parris Glendening. HB350 would provide state employees with the right to vote on whether to be represented by a union which could negotiate with the state about pay, hours and other working conditions.

CUSS Words are brief highlights of what was presented or discussed at the monthly CUSS meeting. For more information about any of these issues, contact campus CUSS representatives Greig Stewart at 5-2390, Andrianna Stuart at 5-3320, Deloris Holmes at 4-7654 or Larry Lauer at 5-9353.

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Calendar of Events

March 26-April 4

Tuesday, March 26

The Art Gallery Exhibition: "Made by Men: African-American Quilts," guest curator, Gladys-Marie Fry, noon-4 p.m., The Art Gallery, Art-Sociology Bldg. 5-2763.

Meyerhoff Center for Jewish Studies Brown Bag Lunch Lecture Series: "Talmud Study in the Lives of Orthodox Jewish Women," Lauren Granite, 12:30-2 p.m., 1102 F. Scott Key Hall, kosher lunch available, 5-4975.

Physics Department Colloquia: "Non-Classical and Non-Local Effects on the Interface of Light," Leonard Mandel, University of Rochester, 4 p.m., 1410 Physics Bldg.*

Peer Computer Training Workshop: "Introduction to Your WAM Account," 6-9 p.m., 3332 Computer Science Center. 5-2941.

CPR class: learn adult and pediatric CPR and choking skills, two-night class, 6-9:30 p.m., 3100E University Health Center, \$20 for students, faculty and staff, must register in advance in 2118 University Health Center. 4-8132.*

Wednesday, March 27

Molecular and Cell Biology Program Spring 1996 Seminar Series: "Environmental Regulation of Seasonal Nitrogen Cycling in Woody Perennials," Gary Coleman, Plant Biology department, noon-1 p.m., 1208 Zoology-Psychology. 5-6991.

The Art Gallery Exhibition: "Made by Men: African-American Quilts," guest curator, Gladys-Marie Fry, noon-9 p.m., The Art Gallery, Art-Sociology Bldg. 5-2763.

History Department Spring Lecture Series: "Towards the End of the Ancient Other World: Death and Afterlife from Late Antiquity to the Early Middle Ages," Peter Brown, Princeton University, 3:15 p.m., reception follows, 2203 Art-Sociology Bldg. 5-4303.

College of Education Symposia: National teleconference on "Making Work for Children, Youth and Families," 3:30-6 p.m., discussion follows, 4205 Hornbake Library, call 5-6475 to register. 5-5475.

Outstanding Woman of the Year Award Presentation: presented by Pres. William E. Kirwan, 3:30 p.m., St. Mary's Hall patio/auditorium. 5-5806.

Astronomy Department Colloquia: "Luminous Infrared Galaxies," David Sanders, University of Hawaii, 4 p.m., 1113 Computer and Space Sciences Bldg. 5-0282.

Stress Management Peer Education Workshop: 5-6 p.m., 2101 University Health Center. 4-8140.

Peer Computer Training: Workshop: "WordPerfect for Thesis Writing, Part 2," 6-9 p.m., 3330 Computer Science Center. 5-2941.

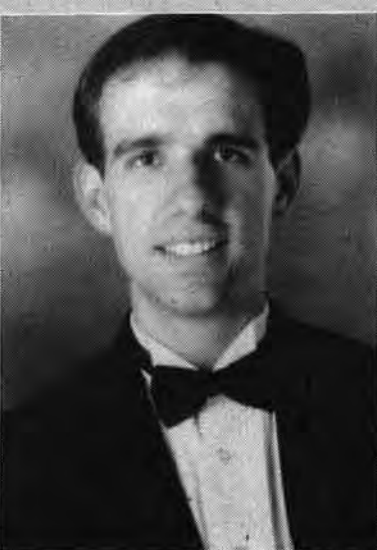
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University of Maryland Symphony Orchestra Concert: conducted by William Hudson, 8 p.m., performs Beethoven, Rachmaninoff and Elgar, featuring faculty artist Evelyn Elsing, College Inn and Conference Center, \$16, \$12 for seniors and \$10 for students. 5-1150.*

Thursday, March 28

Equity Council Conference and Luncheon: 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Student Union, \$15 for faculty, staff and students.*

Math Department Lecture: "Fast and Robust Solvers for Time-Discretised Incompressible Navier-Stokes Equations," David Silvester, University of Manchester, 9:30 a.m., 3206 Math Bldg. 5-5108.



Christopher Taylor, the 1990 prize winner of the William Kapell International Piano Competition, will perform at 8 p.m. in the University Inn and Conference Center Auditorium on Saturday, April 6. (see FYI on page 4)

The Art Gallery Exhibition: "Made by Men: African-American Quilts," guest curator, Gladys-Marie Fry, noon-4 p.m., The Art Gallery, Art-Sociology Bldg. 5-2763.

Sun Microsystems Teleconference: "Java Development on the Web," 2:30-3:30 p.m., investigates the Java programming language and the new development tools designed for web authoring and application development, 2:30-3:30 p.m., 4205 Hornbake.

Department of Meteorology Seminar: "Interannual Variability of the Indian Ocean from 1970-1994 and its Connection to ENSO," Ragu Murtugudde, USRA. Visiting Scientist at NASA/GSFC, 3:30 p.m., 2114 Computer and Space Sciences Bldg. 5-5392.

Department of Mathematics Lecture: "An Overview of Some Numerical Methods for Bifurcation with Applications to Coupled Josephson Junctions," Sebius Doedel, Concordia University, 3:30-4:30 p.m., B0431 Math Bldg. 5-5108.

ENRE Seminar: "A Bayesian Approach to Systems Accelerated Life Testing," Robert Swarz, MITRE Corp., 5:15-6:15 p.m., 1100 ITV Bldg. 5-3887.

Peer Training Computer Workshop: "Introduction to Windows 3.1," 6-9 p.m., 3330 Computer Science Center. 5-2941.*

CPR Class: learn adult and pediatric CPR and choking skills, two-night class, 6-9:30 p.m., 3100E Univ. Health Center, \$20 for students, faculty and staff, must register in advance in 2118 University Health Center. 4-8132.*

Guarneri String Quartet Open Rehearsal: 7 p.m., Ulrich Recital Hall, Tawes Bldg. 5-1150.

Friday, March 29

The Art Gallery Exhibition: "Made by Men: African-American Quilts," guest curator, Gladys-Marie Fry, noon-4 p.m., The Art Gallery, Art-Sociology Bldg. 5-2763.

Saturday, March 30

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Sunday, March 31

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Monday, April 1

The Art Gallery Exhibition: "Made by Men: African-American Quilts," guest curator, Gladys-Marie Fry, noon-4 p.m., The Art Gallery, Art-Sociology Bldg. 5-2763.

JCESS in the Department of Meteorology Seminar: "Can We Use Interannual Variability as a Surrogate for Climate Change?" William Lau, NASA/GSFC, 3:30 p.m., 2114 Computer and Space Sciences Bldg. 5-5392.

National Archives Lecture: Edward Radzinsky will discuss his book "Stalin: The First In-Depth Biography based on Explosive New Evidence," 6 p.m., National Archives Theatre. (202) 501-5000.

Peer Computer Training Workshop: "Introduction to HTML," 6-9 p.m., 3330 Computer Science Center. 5-2941.*

Tuesday, April 2

The Art Gallery Exhibition: "Made by Men: African-American Quilts," guest curator, Gladys-Marie Fry, noon-4 p.m., The Art Gallery, Art-Sociology Bldg. 5-2763.

Physics Department Colloquia: "Enriching the Physics Curriculum with Mathematica," Richard Gass, University of Cincinnati, 4 p.m., 1410 Physics Bldg.

Peer Computer Training Workshop: "Introduction to Unix," 6-9 p.m., 3330 Computer Science Center. 5-2941.*

Women's Studies and the Curriculum Transformation Project : SISTREN, Members of the renowned Jamaican theater troupe in a dramatic performance and discussion, 7:30-9:30 p.m., 0200 Skinner Bldg. 5-6877.

Maryland Dance Ensemble: presentation of dances by student choreographers, 8 p.m., Dorothy Madden Theatre, Dance Bldg., reservations required, \$5 for students, \$8 general. 5-3198.*

Wednesday, April 3

National Archives Lecture: Allida Black will discuss her new book "Casting Her Own Shadow: Eleanor Roosevelt and the Shaping of Postwar Liberalism," noon, 105 National Archives. (202) 501-5000.

Molecular & Cell Biology Program Spring 1996 Seminar Series: "Steroid Regulation of Cell Fate During Drosophila Development," Eric Baehrecke, Center for Agricultural Biotechnology, noon-1 p.m., 1208 Zoology-Psychology. 5-6991.

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Astronomy Department Colloquia: "Starbursts and Cosmology," Timothy Heckman, Johns Hopkins University, 4 p.m., 1113 Computer and Space Sciences Bldg. 5-0282.

Stress Management Peer Education Workshop: 5-6 p.m., 2101 University Health Center. 4-8140.

Peer Computer Training Workshop: "Introduction to Microsoft Word," 6-9 p.m., 3332 Computer Science Center. 5-2941.*

Department of English Creative Writing Program Spring 1996 Readings: Susan Mitchell, author of two books of poems: "The Water Inside the Water" and "Rapture," and Joyce Johnson, author of: "Come and Join the Dance," "Bad Connections" and "In the Night Cafe," will both read from their works, 8 p.m., Parents Association Gallery, Stamp Union. 5-3820.

Maryland Dance Ensemble: presentation of dances by student choreographers, 8 p.m., Dorothy Madden Theatre, Dance Bldg., reservations required, \$5 for students, \$8 general admission. 5-3198.*

Thursday, April 4

Math Lecture: "Optimal Approximability of Solutions of Singularly Perturbed Differential Equations," R. Bruce Kellogg, IPST, 9:30 a.m., 3206 Math Bldg. 5-5108.

The Art Gallery Exhibition: "Made by Men: African-American Quilts," guest curator, Gladys-Marie Fry, noon-4 p.m., The Art Gallery, Art-Sociology Bldg. 5-2763.

National Student Employee Week Reception: Outstanding Employee/er of the Year will be announced, 2 p.m., Grand Ballroom Lounge, Stamp Student Union. 4-7225.

Department of Meteorology Seminar: Zuojun Zhang, Princeton University, 3:30 p.m., 2114 Computer and Space Sciences Bldg. 5-5392.

Department of Materials and Nuclear Engineering Seminar: "The Applications and Science of Smart Materials," J. Sirkis, 4 p.m., 2110 Chemical and Nuclear Engineering Bldg.

ENRE Lecture: "Health Monitoring of Rotating Machinery," Kam Ng, Naval Research Lab, 5:15-6:15 p.m., 1100 ITV Bldg. 5-3898.

Peer Computer Training Workshop: "Introduction to Microsoft Excel," 6-9 p.m., 3330 Computer Science Center. 5-2941.*

Maryland Dance Ensemble: presentation of dances by student choreographers, 8 p.m., Dorothy Madden Theatre, Dance Bldg., reservations required, \$5 for students, \$8 general. 5-3198.*

Calendar Guide

Calendar phone numbers listed as 4-xxxx or 5-xxxx stand for the prefix 314- or 405- respectively. Events are free and open to the public unless noted by an asterisk (*)

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Listings highlighted in color have been designated as Diversity Year events by the Diversity Initiative Committee.

For Your Interest

Diversity Research Forum Moved to April 3

This year's Diversity Research Forum, "Diversity in the Post-O.J. Simpson and Nicole Brown Simpson Era," has been changed to Wednesday, April 3. The forum had originally been scheduled for March 28. The program will begin at 2 p.m. and run until 5 p.m. in the Language House of St. Mary's Hall.

For more information, call 405-2842.

Honor the Woman of the Year

Join Pres. William E. Kirwan and the President's Commission on Women's Issues for the 1996 Outstanding Woman of the Year award presentation on Wednesday, March 27.

The ceremony will take place on the patio of St. Mary's Hall from 3:30 to 5 p.m. This year there will also be a memorial dedication honoring Margaret Brent for whom St. Mary's Hall was originally named.

Industrial Excellence

The Engineering Research Center will present awards of excellence for outstanding contributions in advancing Maryland industry on Tuesday, April 9.

The awards will be presented by each of the four programs of the Engineering Research Center: the Maryland Industrial Partnerships, the Technology Expansion Service, the Technology Advancement Program and the Technology Initiatives Program.

The reception will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Chesapeake Room of the University College Inn and Conference Center. R.S.V.P. by March 29 at 405-3906.

Chorale Spring Concert

The University of Maryland Chorale will present a Spring Concert on Sunday, March 31 at 4 p.m. at the University United Methodist Church on Campus Drive.

The program includes "Zadok the Priest," a coronation anthem by Handel and motets by Schütz, Clausen and Gawthrop. The chorale will also perform spirituals by Moses Hogan and folk music by Holst. Secular selections include works of Donato, Criswell and Riegger. Student soloists will be featured as well as piano selections by accompanist, Eric Lerner.

For more information about the free concert, call 405-1150.

New Chinese Publication Seeking Writers

The American Association for Chinese Studies (AACS) recently moved from the Ohio State University to the University of Maryland. AACS invites faculty and staff to submit articles and news items for publication in the AACS Bulletin.

The Bulletin is devoted to the dissemination of thoughtful, balanced

and current reporting on the Chinese-speaking world including research-in-progress abstracts, perspective articles, a forum for young scholars and professional and news.

Articles that are 300-700 words in length, and news items no longer than a paragraph are preferred. Graduate students, friends and colleagues are encouraged to contribute. Submissions for the publication should be sent to Rebecca McGinnis, Office of International Affairs, 0124 Taliaferro Hall.

To become a member of AACS and receive copies of the Bulletin, send a check for \$10 payable to the University of Maryland Foundation, Inc., at the above address. For more information, please contact 405-4772; or FAX 405-4773.

Scholarships Available for Returning Women Students

The Women's Forum is accepting applications for the Women's Forum Scholarship for returning women students.

Scholarship monies are to be used for school-related expenses, which may include books, child-care or transportation. Both full- and part-time students are invited to apply.

Applicants must be older than 25, currently enrolled at a UMS institution, in good academic standing, in financial need and have completed 12 or more credits.

The scholarship will be awarded at the seventh annual Women's Forum Conference on Friday, Nov. 1.

The application deadline is March 29 at 4 p.m. For more information or an application, contact Laura Nichols at 405-6827.

Dance into Spring

The Maryland Dance Ensemble Spring Concert will present eight student choreographed works from Tuesday, April 2 through Friday, April 5 at 8 p.m. in the Dorothy Madden Theater/Dance Building.

The program will feature student choreography and performance in a wide variety of styles. Anne Warren directs the program with lighting design by Paul Jackson. The choreographers are Deborah Burgess, Jennifer Colandrea, William Dufford, Katrina King, Jolie Yawitt, Allison Weiss and Vicki Wooten.

Tickets are \$8 for general admission and \$5 for students and seniors. The box office will open on March 26. For ticket reservations and further information, call 405-3198.

Women's Commission Hosts Open House at New Office

The President's Commission on Women's Issues is now officially located in 3194 Taliaferro Hall.

Faculty, staff and students are invited to visit the Women's Commission's new office suite on March 27, 28 and 29, from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

In appreciation of Women's History

Month, articles, videos and documents that pertain to the Women's Commission's 20-year history will be available to review.

Members of the Women's Commission will be on hand to greet and share their history. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact 405-5806.

Department of French and Italian Announces Events

The Department of French and Italian will sponsor two major colloquia and two lectures within the next month. All are welcome to attend any of these events.

From March 28-30, the international 20th Century French Studies Colloquium will be taking place at the Center for Adult Education. Thirty-three different sections and 140 speakers will address topics from film to modern French detective fiction. Papers will be given in French and English. Programs are available in the Department of French and Italian at 405-4025. Registration fees will be waived for students and faculty.

For more information, contact program organizer, Madeleine Hage, at 405-4033.

The Fellini Conference will be held from April 25-27. Speakers from Maryland and other universities will discuss an array of Fellini films, all of which will be shown on campus in advance of the conference.

The films to be screened are:

"Ginger and Fred," Thursday, April 25 at 6 p.m. in the Language House Reception Hall.

"8 1/2," Friday, April 26 at 6 p.m. in the Language House Reception Hall.

"Casanova," Friday, April 26 at 6 p.m. in 0220 Jimenez Hall.

"Amarcord," Saturday, April 27 at 7 p.m. in the Language House Reception Hall.

The conference will begin on Thursday afternoon with an undergraduate colloquium in St. Mary's Hall.

All Fellini conference events are free of charge. For information, contact Giuseppe Falvo, at 405-4031.

Music and film critic, Michel Chion, will be speaking on the films of Jacques Tati on April 10. A discussion session for undergraduate and graduate students will follow his talk.

Claude Fischler, sociologist and research director at the French National Center for Scientific Research will discuss "Cross-Eating: French versus American Attitudes toward Food and Meals" on April 18 at 2:30 p.m. in the reception hall of St. Mary's Hall.

Symphony Orchestra to Perform March 28

The School of Music presents William Hudson conducting the University of Maryland Symphony Orchestra on March 27 at 8 p.m. at the University College Inn and Conference Center. Tickets are \$16, \$12 for seniors and \$10 for students. To order, please call 405-1150. Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted.

Taylor Recital to Benefit Piano Competition

Enjoy an evening of Beethoven and Bolcom on Saturday, April 6, while contributing to the future of music. Christopher Taylor, the 1990 prize winner of the William Kapell International Piano Competition, will perform at 8 p.m. in the University Conference Center Auditorium. The recital will help cover the rising costs of the Kapell piano competition, which cannot continue without community support.

Selections from Taylor's program include Beethoven's "Sonata in A major, op. 101" and Bolcom's "Fast, Furious; Butterflies, Hummingbirds; Rag Infernal," as well as works by Bach, Scriabin and Chopin.

After winning the Kapell competition in 1990, Taylor became the first American to reach the finals of the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition since 1981.

For the past 25 years, Maryland has hosted the Kapell festival which is considered the leading international piano competition on the East Coast. The Office of Continuing Education, Summer and Special Programs, sponsors the event which will be held this year on July 18-27.

The festival includes recitals, masterclasses, seminars, lectures and symposia featuring foremost keyboard artists. Teachers, students, amateurs and piano music lovers attend from throughout the world.

Reserved-seat tickets for Taylor's recital are \$20 each. For more information and tickets, please call Laura Kafka at 403-8370, ext. 20.

Best Buddies Sponsor Friendship Games

On Saturday, March 30, Best Buddies—an international non-profit organization that enhances the lives of people with mental retardation—will celebrate friendship in cities across the nation. Here in the Washington, D.C. area, Buddy pairs as well as volunteers from eight colleges will gather at the Stamp Student Union/Hornbake Mall for a day of festivities. The event will take place from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and will include games, arts and crafts and other activities involving people with and without developmental disabilities.

For more information, Adcall Holly Snyder, field director, Eastern Region, at (202) 824-0212.

The Time is Right for Viewing Comet Hyakutake

During the week of March 25, visit the university observatory to see newly discovered Comet Hyakutake pass near Earth. The observatory, located off Metzert Road, is hosting a series of open houses this week for the public to view the comet through several telescopes.

For more information, call the observatory at 405-3001.